TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 23rd November, 1922.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty of the Clock. The President was in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Roman Catholics and Mahomedans in the Judiciary.

62. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Is there any one among the Tahsildars, Tahsildar-Magistrates, Stationary Magistrates, First Class Magistrates, District Magistrates and the Judges of the country, who is a Roman Catholic or a Mahomedan?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: There are no Roman Catholics or Mahomedans among the District Judges. Among the Munsiffs there is no Mahomedan, but there are two Catholics. Among the Tahsildars, Tahsildar-Magistrates, Stationary Magistrates, First Class Magistrates and District Magistrates, there is no Roman Catholic or Mahomedan.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: May I know whether Roman Catholic Syrians are also included in the statement given in the answer?

MR. KRISHNA PILLAI: They are also included.

Combating the Disease known as Yaws.

63. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN: (1) Are the Government aware of the existence of a disease called 'yaws' in the State, especially in the taluks of Devicolam, Todupuzha, Meenachil, Changanachery, Peermade, Tiruvalla, Chengannur and Pattanamtitta?

(2) Are they also aware that this disease is very contagious and more prevalent among the poorer classes, incapacitating them for work and even making them unable to move about?

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